

BATS

All bats must be stamped with ASA approved stamp, 2013 or later, as seen below.



Umpires have consent to check all bats prior to the start of the game.

ROSTERS

Please print or type clearly. Rosters must have complete addresses of all players. All changes must be in writing on the league add/drop form and be accompanied with all appropriate fees as specified in the league rules.

All players on add/drop form must sign player conduct and safety form before form can be turned in. Players can only play/be listed on 1 roster for the season including playoffs.

Add/drop deadline for rosters: Friday, Sept 16

HOME RUN RULE

A team can only hit 3 home runs in one game (including extra innings). Each additional home run will constitute an out.

Extra Players Fee

We encourage teams in the Men's league to have no more than 15 players on their roster. This is to encourage playing time for all, also, to discourage huge rosters and teams playing with different players every game.

There is a \$10.00/player fee for every player on the roster above 15 for the Men's League.

RESERVING PRACTICE FIELDS

Teams who have registered may reserve practice fields. A team may reserve two practices at a time, but may not reserve additional fields until these two dates have passed.

You may reserve a field by calling Parks & Rec. (587-1040) or coming in person. If you have made your reservation by phone you must pick up your field permit the day before or the field may be reassigned. The reservation form is important to have with you in case there are others on the field you reserved. Maines Field is not available for practices.

GAME SCORES

The winning team manager is responsible for calling or emailing Parks & Recreation the game score the next day. Please stay on top of this as it is hard at the end of the season to try to find all the scores.

PLAYERS POOL

If you are seeking additional players for your team, please consider individuals from the players pool. We will receive many names to add to this pool. An updated list may be received from the Parks & Recreation Office during the player add period.

Player Conduct And Safety Form

Regulations regarding player conduct and safety information are the responsibility of each team member. Please read them carefully. No team will be accepted unless these forms are signed by all players and turned in at the time of registration. A copy will be made for the manager upon request.

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Season schedules may be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Depart. or emailed. Team balances must be paid in full, along with original rosters and player conduct and safety form signed and turned in, in order to pick up schedules. We will not fax schedules.

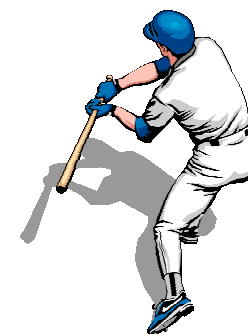
Thursday, August 25, after 11:00 a.m.

It is the responsibility of the team manager to pick up the schedules at the Parks & Rec. office.



2016

Men's Fall Softball League Information



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587-1040**



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Northampton Recreation Department

Fall Softball League Information

587-1040

League Director: John Knowles, Recreation Supervisor
League Starting Date: Sunday, September 11

Entry Fees

There is a forfeit fee built into the total fee so the ump's are paid, even when teams forfeit. Teams that do not forfeit will receive the entire amount back at the end of the season.

Fees: League Fee: \$ 340 per team
Forfeit Fee: \$ 114 per team (equal to 3 games)
\$ 454
Plus Player Fee: \$15 per player*

** Player fee is non-refundable and non-transferable*

Umpires

Teams pay the umpire cash at the field. The ump fee is \$38. Each team pays \$19 to the ump before the game. If 2 ump's are used for the playoff finals, each team must pay \$24.

Non-resident fees

Additional non-resident and/or extra player fees may apply. Refer to player eligibility section.

All fees must be paid before the team may begin play.

All checks payable to City of Northampton.

Any check returned will be subject to a \$25 service charge. Balances then must be paid in cash. Teams will be dropped from the league unless balance is paid in full.

Playing times & sites

Times: Mon. - Fri., 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm

Sundays, 10:00am - 6:00pm

We will play Sunday of Columbus Day weekend

Location: Maines Field

Playoffs: Double elimination, all teams qualify. To be held at the end of the season. Players must have played in at least 4 regular season games to qualify for playoffs.

Divisions

If the mix of teams permits, we will have two divisions - the higher division is the most competitive, etc. Be sure to indicate your preference of division on your roster form. The division your team plays in **will be decided by Parks & Recreation staff**, but your preference will be considered. Final team placements will be decided according to the roster you submit.



League Format

- Maximum of 15 teams, minimum of 6 teams.
- All teams play a 12 game schedule with double elimination playoffs.

Requests

Any date(s) your team can not play must be clearly indicated when you turn in your information. Please indicate the dates on the front of your roster form. This includes Saturdays. It is not guaranteed you won't play those dates but we'll try to accommodate. We are unable to grant request to never play on weekends. It is virtually impossible due to the large number of games scheduled on these days. You may request a couple of them off or that Sunday morning or late afternoon is better. We can not schedule games around other town leagues or tournaments. No games (regular season, playoffs, or rain-outs) can be switched once they are scheduled.

Due to the nature of playoff games, team date restrictions cannot be considered when scheduling playoffs. Weather cancellations for playoff games will be rescheduled as soon as possible and may even be rescheduled for the following day.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Absolute deadline: August 12

All fees, rosters, proofs and the signed player conduct form must be turned in by this time. All must be turned in together. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is limited space in the league.

Northampton Parks & Recreation operations and programs are partially funded by City tax dollars. Therefore, non-residents must pay an additional fee for all programs.

Player Eligibility

A. **Residents** - Anybody whose primary residence is in or owns property in Northampton is considered a Northampton resident. Players who are trying to meet this requirement **must** have their residence or property listed on the roster so it can be confirmed. Teams that misrepresent addresses to meet the residency requirement may be dropped from the league.

B. **Non-residents** - must pay an additional **\$15 each**

C. **Non-Resident Who Works in City** - An adult whose primary residence is not in the City, but works in the City receives a discount on the non-resident fee, and must pay an **additional \$10**.

D. **Non-Hampshire County Residents - \$20 each**

a. Each team is allowed a maximum of three non-Hampshire County residents. The eligibility of these players is at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Commission and/or the Director of Parks & Recreation.

b. Out of County residents must be listed on the originally submitted team roster.

c. The Recreation Dept. may decide the player is "too talented" for the level of competition in the division and reserves the right to remove the player from the roster. In this case, any non-res fees involved will be refunded.

d. To qualify as a Hampshire County resident, a person must live in Hampshire County.

Maximum \$150 for all fees other than entry, forfeit and players fees

New teams and/or players: Proof of residency or place of employment for all "resident" players must be submitted with your roster

Xerox copies are required. All must be submitted together. Proof may consist of a copy of a pay stub, license, or a recent bill, for example. Information must be current. Official Personnel Director letters only are accepted as a proof letter from a business. Phone book listings must list the full name. City Census will also be checked to verify addresses.